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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 35 297.6 filed on July 27, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120, 365 of PCT/DE00/02445, filed on July 25, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 1, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

The invention relates to a filter body of a fluid filter especially an air filter, ~~having the features of the definition of the species of claim 12.~~

On page 2, please delete the second to last paragraph as follows:

~~This problem is solved according to this invention by a filter body having the features of claim 12.~~

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please amend the last paragraph on page 5 as follows:

An inner frame 13 provided in the interior 12 of the filter element 2 serves to provide radial support for the filter element 2. The inner frame 13 ~~her~~ here is also attached to the end disk 3 and serves at the same time to provide axial support for the end disks 3.

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